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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT

(INT/92/901) - Promotion of TCDC through Sensitization and Information

Date of approval by the AC: ^{1/}	24 June 1992
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Governments/Institutions of Developing Countries
Proposed UNDP contribution:	\$531 000 Source of funds: SPR
Total UNDP budget:	\$531 000

Project background

The above-mentioned project reflects the continuation of promotion activities carried out earlier and in compliance with several decisions of the High Level Committee on the Review of TCDC, of the Governing Council and General Assembly Resolutions. While TCDC has been universally endorsed in international fora and continues to receive strong support in principle, its utilization as an implementation modality of programmes and projects lags far behind its potential. Analyses of this situation reveals that knowledge about the modality and its potentials and the comparative advantage it offers is inadequate.

According to the report of the Group of Government of Experts on TCDC (DP/1990/77), from the six categories of constraints to fuller utilization of the TCDC modality three related to: (a) lack of awareness of the potential of TCDC; (b) insufficient information on the application and applicability of TCDC; and (c) attitudes not conducive to the development of TCDC. Among the major recommendations of the report was the need to implement sensitization and information programmes on the TCDC modality for officials and other personnel in developing countries and in the United Nations Development System. Wide and systematic circulation of information on the technical knowledge and expertise in existing in developing countries is a second element in the effort to overcome some of the constraints identified. In preparation for launching this project a revised trainers' guide was prepared and distributed to governments and field offices. Twelve professionals with development experience from the four regions have been trained using the material. Decentralized sensitization and orientation activities will be undertaken by governments and UNDP field offices as soon as the project document is approved.

^{1/} This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

Description of project

The project has two major components: (1) sensitization and orientation; and (2) expansion of the TCDC-INRES database and enhancement of its capabilities to provide information on the technical capabilities of institutions of developing countries.

A series of workshops on the TCDC modality will be organized in the various regions with the objective of promoting the TCDC modality as a viable means of project/programme execution by bringing out the comparative advantage of the modality, and by spelling out the administrative and logistical implications and the kind of backstopping that UNDP will provide to facilitate the utilization of the modality. To bring about cost effectiveness, the project will use the twelve resource persons from the different regions that have already been trained by SU/TCDC. Their services will be made available for sensitization of officials in both the public and private sectors in the various regions. Just at the resource persons were drawn from government departments, NGOs, training and development institutions and the private sector, the persons to be sensitized will be drawn from entities in both the public and private sectors. Approximately 300 individuals are expected to be sensitized during the first year of the project.

Expanded information activities on the TCDC modality will also be carried out in the form of multi-purpose video films and publications on TCDC. The dissemination of information on technical capacities in developing countries will be intensified by increasing the number of TCDC-INRES installations from 14 to 20. Four new installations will be set up on regional and subregional basis in Africa, Asia and Pacific and Europe and C.I.S. to supplement those already in existence. Secondly, through intensive country-by-country screening of existing capacities, the list of institutions registered with TCDC-INRES is planned to increase from 3,900 to 5,000. Thirdly, a TCDC-INRES Folio Views Infobase will be developed and installed in UNDP field offices on LANs (Local Area Networks) where these exist and as stand-alone applications where they do not exist. Lastly, promotional activity in the UN agencies will be carried out and the number of agencies housing the INRES system increased in addition to FAO and UNIDO which currently have them.

Inputs

UNDP will cover the cost of sensitization workshops, consultants, the production of video films, publication of information material and equipment for the two new outposted regional/sub-regional INRES locations and training for managers/operators of outposted INRES centers.

Financial data

	\$
Consultancies	60 000
Subcontract	306 000
Training (TCDC-INRES)	30 000
Workshops (Sensitization)	80 000
Equipment	40 000
Miscellaneous	15 000
Total	<u>531 000</u>